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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF 9/21/05**

SIR:

This paper is filed in response to the September 21, 2005 restriction requirement, which set a one month period of response, expiring on October 21, 2005. Applicants hereby request a **two-month extension of time** for responding to the restriction requirement. The two-month extended period for response expires on December 21, 2005. Please charge the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) two-month extension fee of **\$225.00** and any other fee that may be required to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

**ELECTION**

Applicants elect without traverse Invention I (compositions comprising esters of 5-aminolevulinic acid).

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